

# ALTER TEXT EDITOR POCKET REFERENCE

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## Notational Conventions

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| UPPERCASE     | Characters shown in uppercase must be entered in the order shown.         |
| <i>Italic</i> | Indicates variable information.   |
| [ ]           | Indicates optional arguments or parameters.                               |
| { }           | Indicates that one and only one of the enclosed entries must be selected. |
|               | Indicates a choice of options.  |
| ↑             | Indicates the CNTL key.   |

## ALTER Invocation Command

RUN ALTER [*input file* [TO *output file*]] [, *other input file* [TO *other output file*]] [{NOMACRO, NOMR} | {MACRO, MR} [(*macro file*)]]

## Function Keys

The following commands are executed by pressing the specifically labeled keys on the Series III keyboard (indicated by angle brackets) or by typing the indicated Control commands.

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| <CNTL> A | Deletes all characters to the right of the cursor.                   |
| <CNTL> C | Aborts command in progress and returns editor to main command level. |
| <CNTL> F | Deletes the character under the cursor.                              |
| <CNTL> X | Deletes all characters to the left of the cursor.                    |
| <CNTL> Z | Deletes the entire line on which the cursor is positioned.           |
| <ESC>    | Terminates commands and returns editor to main command level.        |
| <RETURN> | Moves to start of next line.   |
| <RUBOUT> | Deletes character to left of cursor.                                 |
| <TAB>    | Rotates the menu prompt line to display the next line of commands.   |

To move cursor: Use keys labeled with directional arrows on keyboard. Use HOME key in conjunction with arrow keys for fast cursor movement.

## ALTER Editing Commands

The following is an alphabetic list of the ALTER editing commands and their format and description.

| Command     | Format | Function  |
|-------------|--------|---|
| AGAIN       | A      | Repeats the last command.   |
| BLOCK       | B      | Delimits section of text that can then be deleted, moved, or copied.                          |
| Buffer      | B      | Copies text to the block buffer.  |
| Delete      | D      | Moves text to the block buffer.   |
| Find        | F      | Searches forward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.              |
| -find       | -      | Searches backward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.             |
| Jump        | J      | Moves cursor to specified location in text.   |
| Put         | P      | Copies text to named output file.   |
| CHAR DELETE | ↑F     | Deletes the character under the cursor.   |
| CLEAR LINE  | ↑Z     | Deletes the entire line on which the cursor is positioned.                                    |
| DELETE      | D      | Delimits section of text that can then be deleted, moved, or copied. (Same as BLOCK command.) |

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| DELETE LEFT  | ↑X | Deletes all characters to the left of the cursor.  |
| DELETE RIGHT | ↑A | Deletes all characters to the right of the cursor.   |
| FIND         | F  | Searches forward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.                 |
| -FIND        | -  | Searches backward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.                |
| GET          | G  | Retrieves contents of block buffer or external file; places contents at current cursor position. |
| HEX          | H  |  |
| Input        | I  | Inserts ASCII equivalent of hexadecimal values in text.  |
| Output       | O  | Displays hexadecimal values of ASCII characters in message line.                                 |
| INSERT       | I  | Begins INSERT mode: inserts text at cursor.  |
| JUMP         | J  | Moves cursor to a specified location in text.  |
| Start        | S  | Moves cursor to the start of the file.   |
| End          | E  | Moves cursor to the end of the file.   |
| Line         | L  | Moves cursor to the start of the designated line.  |



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| Position | P | Moves cursor to the designated column.   |
| A tag    | A | Moves cursor to A tag.   |
| B tag    | B | Moves cursor to B tag.   |
| C tag    | C | Moves cursor to C tag.   |
| D tag    | D | Moves cursor to D tag.   |
| OTHER    | O | Switches between primary and secondary buffers.  |
| QUIT     | Q | Ends editing session.  |
| Abort    | A | Returns to operating system; all changes are lost.   |
| Exit     | E | Returns to operating system; the file is updated.  |
| Init     | I | Restarts editing session; all changes are lost; initializes new file without returning to operating system.                          |
| Update   | U | Updates file without returning to operating system.  |
| Write    | W | Writes file to a new named output file without returning to operating system.  |
| REPLACE  | R | Searches for target string; replaces it with new string if found.  |
| ?REPLACE | ? | Queries user on each find before replacing string.   |
| SET      | S | Sets tabs, viewrow, and left column. Controls several yes/no options in editor's environment. (Note: The word default, which appears |

in parenthesis in the following descriptions, indicates the initial state of an option.)

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| Autocr   | A  | While in INSERT mode, inserts carriage return in text automatically when line is full.                               |
| BAK file | B  | Creates backup file of file you are currently editing before QUIT Update or QUIT Exit command replaces it. (Default) |
| Case     | C  | Tells editor to ignore case of strings during search and replace commands. (Default)                                 |
| Indent   | I  | Indents text automatically.  |
| Notab    | N  | Inserts blanks in place of tabs.   |
| Showfind | S  | Lists lines of multiple finds.   |
| Tabs     | T  | Sets tabs.   |
| Leftcol  | L  | Sets left column.  |
| Viewrow  | V  | Sets row to which cursor will move on VIEW command.  |
| TAG      | T  | Specifies locations within a file.   |
| UNDO     | ↑U | Restores characters deleted by last CLEAR LINE, DELETE LEFT, or DELETE RIGHT command at current cursor position.     |
| VIEW     | V  | Rewrites screen leaving cursor in viewrow (5 is default).  |

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| XCHANGE | X | Enters XCHANGE mode; replaces characters on a one-for-one basis. |
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## ALTER Macro Commands

The following is an alphabetic list of the ALTER macro commands and their format and description.

|         |   |   |
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| EXECUTE | E | Executes specified macro.   |
| MACRO   | M | Creates macros, retrieves them from memory, and inserts them in text. |
| Create  | C | Creates macros interactively by remembering sequence of keystrokes.   |
| Get     | G | Retrieves macros from external file.                                  |
| Insert  | I | Inserts subsequent input in text in macro form.                       |
| List    | L | Lists names of all currently defined macros in message line.          |
| Save    | S | Saves macros in form suitable for macro files.                        |



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